

Listing of Claims:

(Claims 1-81 have been cancelled and claims 82-101 have been added)

1-81. (Canceled)

²¹~~82~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method for more than one user to work on a subject, the method comprising:

setting a time for a group of users to start a dialogue session to work on materials related to the subject so as to provide an interactive environment to help the users learn;

allowing a user to share materials generated by the user with other users, with the user's changes in the materials being seen by the other users in real time during the session;

retrieving materials related to the subject during the dialog session for the group of users to share;

assessing, during the session, at least one user's understanding to track performance; and

allowing some of the users to interact among themselves privately, separate from at least one other user.

²²~~83~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ²¹~~82~~ further comprising customizing the training of the at least one user on the subject based on assessing that user's understanding.

²³~~84~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ²¹~~82~~ further comprising recording the session to allow for later playback.

²⁴~~85~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ²¹~~82~~ further comprising registering the users for the session.

²⁵~~86~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ²¹~~82~~ wherein, at least for some of the users, each is represented by a symbol on a screen that can be seen by the other users during the session.

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~~87~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ²¹~~82~~ wherein at least one user's face can be seen on a screen by other users during the session.

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~~88~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ²¹~~82~~ further comprising allowing an instructor to observe a user during the session.

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~~89~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ²¹~~82~~ further comprising providing materials for a user to learn at the user's pace during the session.

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~~90~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ²¹~~82~~ further comprising:
allowing a user to create notes on the subject; and
allowing the user to identify an area in the retrieved materials and copying said area to the user's notes.

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~~91~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ²⁹~~90~~ wherein the user's notes can be saved to allow for later review.

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~~92~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method for more than one user to work on a subject, the method comprising:
setting a time for a group of users to start a dialogue session to work on materials related to the subject so as to provide an interactive environment to help the users learn;
allowing a user to share materials generated by the user with other users, with the user's changes in the materials being seen by the other users in real time during the session;
retrieving materials related to the subject during the dialog session for the group of users to share;
representing, at least for some of the users, each by a symbol on a screen that can be seen by the other users during the session; and
allowing at least one user's face to be seen on the screen by other users during the session.

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93. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ³¹92 further comprising assessing, during the session, at least one user's understanding to track performance.

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94. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ³¹92 further comprising allowing some of the users to interact among themselves privately, separate from at least one other user.

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95. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ³¹92 further comprising recording the session to allow for later playback.

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96. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ³¹92 further comprising:
allowing a user to create notes on the subject; and
allowing the user to identify an area in the retrieved materials and copying said area to the user's notes.

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97. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method for more than one user to work on a subject, the method comprising:
setting a time for a group of users to start a dialogue session to work on materials related to the subject so as to provide an interactive environment to help the users learn;
allowing a user to share a drawing generated by the user with other users, with the user's changes in the drawing being seen by the other users in real time during the session;
retrieving materials related to the subject during the dialog session for the group of users to share;
allowing an instructor to observe a user during the session; and
recording the session to allow for later playback,
wherein the method also comprises registering the users for the session.

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98. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ³⁶97 further comprising assessing, during the session, at least one user's understanding to track performance.

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~~99~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ³⁶~~97~~ further comprising allowing some of the users to interact among themselves privately, separate from at least one other user.

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~~100~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ³⁶~~97~~ further comprising providing materials for a user to learn at the user's pace during the session.


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~~101~~. (New) A computer-implemented group-learning method as recited in claim ³⁶~~97~~ further comprising:

allowing a user to create notes on the subject; and

allowing the user to identify an area in the retrieved materials and copying said area to the user's notes.

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